



May 9, 2003

Chere L. Shorter
Standardization Section
Processed Products Branch
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Dear Ms Shorter,

Appleton Produce Company is a processor of frozen onions. I have reviewed the USDA proposed Standard for grading frozen onions and I have many concerns, as do others in our industry.

We have tried hard to produce a product that is IQF, free of defect, and safe to eat. Appleton Produce is concerned that the standard for Grade A proposed by USDA is less than what our industry demands.

Charles B. Murphy of Dickinson Frozen Foods has been asked to speak in our behalf about this matter. The letter he has sent to you reflects the thoughts and feelings of Appleton Produce. Please consider the information that Chuck has listed in his letter as the concerns of the Frozen Onion Industry.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Johnson
Processed Foods Manager

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